GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
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PENDING RAPE CASES
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases relating to rape which are pending in various courts in the country;

(b) the duration of pendency of the said cases;

(c) the reasons for delay in the disposal of these cases;

(d) whether the Government propose to issue some directions to courts to expedite disposal of these cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):

(a) As per the information made available by the National Crime Records Bureau, therewere 56,343 cases relating to rape, pending at end of the year 2001.

(b) and (c) The details in respect of the duration of pending rape cases are not maintained. The reasons for delay in disposal of rape cases, inter-alia, include non appearance of the accused, slackness of investigating agencies and police to issue summon/warrant, absconding of the accused, non filling up of the vacant posts of judicial officers etc.

(d) and (e) Government have set up Fast Track Courts for the expeditious disposal of long pending cases, including rape cases.